

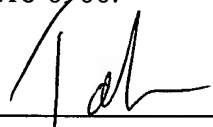
R E M A R K S

In the Office Action mailed 9/13/06, the Examiner required election of one of following groups: Group 1, comprising Claims 1-8, Group II, comprising Claims 9-19, Group III, comprising Claims 20-25, and Group IV, comprising Claims 26-28 and 30. The applicants hereby elect Group IV (Claims 26-28 and 30) without traverse. The Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-25 in response to the restriction requirement. Claim 30 has been amended to correct a typographical error. All amendments and cancellation of claims are made without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments or rejections, and solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG),¹ and without waiving the right to prosecute the cancelled claims (or similar claims) in the future.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned collect at (618) 218-6900.

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¹ 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept., 8, 2000).